Vera

Vera, Dec. 19.- "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable; always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." -Cor. 15-58.

Christmas will be here in a few days. I hope that it will be celebrated as it should be. I do hope that all people on the highways may be careful and that they do not have wrecks.

The W. M. U. Society of Hollywood is having its Secret Pal Party at the church this Saturday, and they are having a covered dish supper.

Schools close on Wednesday, until Jan. 2, 1956.

The New Hope Baptist Church Christmas Pageant will be held on Friday night, the 23rd. We hope for nice weather so that they will have a big crowd.

Mrs. Buck Covington, who has been in the hospital, has returned home. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

The P.-T. A. meeting will be at Vera school on Tuesday night, the 20th.

Mr. Moss Lewis, of Roanoke, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis.

Miss Marguerite Gilliam visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday.

Wishing all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Vera, Dec. 15.- "For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in tents of wickedness." Psalm 84-10.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Harriette and Gail and Carol Ann Webb.

Miss Mazie Harvey attended a Chevrolet banquet in Richmond Saturday night.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Robert Carter, and extend sympathy to his family.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mrs. J. H. O'Brien and Mr. and Mrs. Evrod Conner.

Carol Ann and Gail Webb spent the week-end with Harriette Harvey.

Deposit rise in saving banks is below last year.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Dec. 19.- I want to wish our good Editor a Happy Birthday on Wednesday, the 21st. Also want to wish him and his good wife and all readers of The Times-Virginian a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and happy New Year.

It seemed on Sunday morning like we were in for winter weather, as ice was making everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr. expect to motor to Staunton on Wednesday of this week to get their son, Lee home from school to spend the holidays with the family.

There was a full church on last Saturday night for the marriage of Miss Bertha Wheeler and Mr. Harold Jones. It was a lovely wedding, and our best wishes go with this fine young couple in their new life together.

Dr. Twyman Williams preached at Stonewall Church on Sunday morning to a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and children expect to spend Christmas Day with his parents at Natural Bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick. Also his home folks in the afternoon.

The schools will all close Wednesday of this week for the holidays. The children are all so happy over it.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson and son spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis and family expect to visit her home folks, the Matthews, in Orange, Va., for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Jr. and Miss Arlene Drinkard, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wheeler, of Richmond spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler, and attended the wedding of his sister, Bertha, to Mr. Jones.

1919 MONEY-ORDER DUE

Washington.- A $7.67 postal money order, issued to Robert W. Kean, now Congressman from New Jersey, but then an army lieutenant and just out of the trenches in France, was recently found by the post-office department and Kean was notified to come and get the money order, dated June 6, 1919.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Far too much attractive-sounding nonsense has been written about the grand fun one can have remodeling an old house into a dream palace. Of course, it is possible to buy an old house and with careful planning, come up with a house which gives a lot of good living.

There are a number of things to take into consideration when purchasing an old house. The house must be solidly built—be sure to call in an expert and have the entire house checked for termites. It is best to choose a house with fairly simple lines when ever possible. Its remodeling possibilities are much greater and less expensive to carry out.

Don't be led astray by the stories of good friends pitching in on a Sunday to lay a few hundred bricks, or modern plumbing installed by an amateur, following directions in a little book. Too often, the person following these methods on Monday morning the still unlaid and the bathtor comes around to raise the plumbing layout.

It is a good idea to house for a year before touched. This will help you nize its bad points and what changes must be m same time, you will com ciate whatever good point may have.

Use skilled hired labor remodeling. It may cost a but will be more than the long run.

Plan such improvemen necessary, keeping in structural changes cost so keep them to a mini are watching your pocke

Have a definite plan start in because mid changes can be very exp

Greetings

We hope the magic of this glorious season extends throughout the year for you and yours...bringing with it the blessing of happiness, the joy of good health and the pleasure of warm friendships.

R. E. WILBUN

Appomattox, Virginia

OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS Wishes

To all our friends we extend warm wishes for a Holiday that is full of love and joy. A Merry Christmas to all.

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ARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

ook on Field Crop Prices

ward pressure on feed ices is anticipated for e years. The prospective of feed grains (corn, oats, and sorghum grains) for is considerably above the moved high of 1954. Not this the overall picture, but ply of each of the four feed is expected to be at record with total feed grain produc ly second only to the top ons of 1948.

meeting prospective needs d grains for 1955-56, a re ower is expected. For the years the carryover each has been larger than the year If this trend continues, still ices will result. Storage of by the government does not the natural forces of de and supply.

October 1, hay production in Virginia was indicated at 1,900,000 tons, up about 25% from the year before, and up about 16% from the 1944-53 average. In the United States, hay production is expected to hit a new high. Production plus carryover is also expected to be higher than ever for the nation as a whole. Since there has been an increase in the number of animals to be fed, the supply per animal should be about the same as the 1949-53 average.

Except for seasonal price change, Virginia hay prices have been fairly stable for the last few years. Since hay production depends to a considerable degree on the amount and distribution of rainfall, the outlook for any hay price changes with the weather. Currently, however, it seems that if the trend toward "grassland farming" continues, hay prices are also in for "downward pressure."

Virginia wheat production for 1955 is estimated at 6,200,000 bushels, about 10% less than last year, and about 21% less than the 1944-53 average. For the United States as a whole a similar trend is evident — 1955 production was about 5% below 1954 and about 21% below the 1944-53 average. Still, the carryover on July 1, 1956 is expected to be but little different from the 1,020,000,000 bushel carryover on July 1, 1955 (assuming a 55-million acre allotment and a 15.5 bushel average yield). The national average support price of the 1956 wheat crop will not be less than $1.81 per bushel for farmers who comply with their acreage allotments in the commerial wheat states.

Alfalfa vs. Grasshoppers

Recent work by the U. S. Department of Agriculture shows that there seems to be nutrient deficiency rather than a harmful substance in alfalfa for the migratory grasshopper.

On alfalfa alone, young grasshoppers usually died before reaching adulthood. Those that reached maturity were smaller, laid fewer eggs, and lived a shorter life than those fed a more favorable diet.

Grasshoppers fed on a diet of mustard, Johnson grass, and alfalfa grew about as well as those feeding on hedge mustard (a weed) but they preferred the latter. Grasshoppers feeding on hedge mustard showed a survival rate five times greater than those of alfalfa alone, and laid 15 times as many eggs.

Small Flocks Pose Problems

About 1-3 of the eggs used in Virginia each year are produced and shipped in from other states. Based on the present rate of lay, it would take about 1 1-4 million ... hens and pullets to supply the needs of the state, to say nothing of the potential markets in Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, etc.

Virginia egg production comes from many small flocks. A large proportion (84%) of Virginia farms have laying flocks. The average size flock in Virginia is 54 birds. Only 1 1-4% of the flocks are large enough to be considered of commercial size, this is, over 400 birds.

The amount of labor needed to care for small flocks is considerably greater per bird than for the large flocks. For example, a Virginia study shows it takes 1.5 hours of labor a year per 100 hens for flocks of 1,500 or more layers, as compared with 3 hours for flocks of 400 to 700 layers.

Small flocks are generally not cared for as well as are large flocks. A recent study made by VPI revealed that laying mash was fed to only 42% of the flocks of less than 50 birds, but it was fed to all flocks of over 400 birds.

The quality of any product is a substantial factor in the price. Research also has shown that small producers (25 to 50 chickens) gather their eggs as often as twice a day, while 65% of the large producers (200 to 400 chickens) gather eggs twice a day. Only 1% of the people with small folcks used a wire container for gathering eggs, while 57% of those with large flocks did. Only 18% of the small flock owners stored their eggs in a cool place such as a basement or spring house, as compared with 57% of the large ones.

Virginia's major egg marketing problem is seasonal production, and small flocks have a much more extreme seasonal production pattern than large flocks. To be assured of an egg supply when Virginia's production is low, buyers must also buy from out of state when Virginia's production is seasonally high, and possibly enough to meet Virginia demands. As a result, the price of locally produced eggs, particularly during the "flush" production season, is forced lower than would usually be the case by suply and demand conditions within the state. To force chickens to produce other than in the spring and summer months is a management problem, which has to be overcome by starting the chicks at the proper time and taking the proper care of them.

Still another drawback to small flocks is the problem of concentration or assembling what is produced. Large retailers cannot afford to buy eggs in small quantities from individual producers. They have to buy in large lots, which means that someone must assemble the eggs. Small, scattered producers usually find it impossible to travel the distance necessary to sell eggs at a local assembly point. Likewise, "bird-dog" truckers usually find it unprofitable to roam the country picking up eggs from small sacttered producers. This situation is another important factor in forcing large Virginia retailers to buy their eggs from out-of-state sources which can furnish large quantities.

Is there a frontier ahead for egg-producers in Virginia? The fact that 1 1-4 million more layers are needed to supply the demands of the state is a point black answer to that question, the economists say. The key is larger, more concentrated laying flocks. V. P. I., the Virginia Poultry Federation, and the State Department of Agriculture, are currently working on the problem.

A.H.S. Newscast

By Peggy Wooten

Hello there!
"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
There old familiar carols play.
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men."

This week everyone has been as busy as Santa's little elves. The occasion—Christmas. Most homerooms have been bsuy planning Christmas parties and decorating their rooms. Many of the decorations were quite elaborate. Some of the clubs have made plans to go caroling just before Christmas.

Tuesday the Annual Christmas Pageant was presented by the Juniors. Both the music and the scenes were inspirational.

The cast included: Jo Ann Price as Mary; Ronald Coleman as Joseph; Peggy Crowder as Gabriel; Robert Childress as Herod; Ryland Wilbun as Augustus; Arnold Whitehead and Dickie O'Brien as the Soldiers; Tom Holland as the Senator. The Shepherds were portrayed by Fred Caldwell, Marshall Cunningham, Glenn Millner, Gerald Blanks, and Kenneth Mann. Donald Harper, James Carter, and Hunter Chilton were the Wise Men. The Angels were Judy Burrell, Yvonne Ferguson, Jane Moore, June Nash, Ruby Jones, and Nancy O'Brien. Carol Myers was narrator. Soloists were C. D. O'Brien, Fountain Conner, and Frank Hanenkrat. Mary Frances Harris and Carol Tolley sang a duet.

During the pageant, the students contributed to the White Christmas, sponsored by the Senior Hi-Y and the S. C. A.

Wednesday evening, instead of having a party, the Seniors sang carols at the Ranson Rest Home. They also helped a needy family, as a class project.

Last Wednesday, the D. O. D. E. classes presented an assembly program. A movie on Distribtuive Education was shown, followed by a talk by Mr. Jerry Miller, the D. O.-D. E. Instructor.

If you were around school this week, you probably saw quite a few people working very hard - and at times a bit puzzled. The reason was that the annual staff was trying to meet its deadline. There were some doubtful moments, but the shipment went out on time.

The Jaycees have agreed to sponsor the Appomattox FBLA this year. We hope that both clubs will benefit from this association.

One of the best things about the holidays is seeing all the former students again. At times it seems like homecoming. We welcome them back with us.

Be sure to be on hand January 3, when the school basketball team will play the alumni. It should be an interesting game.

Merry Christmas!

Peggy.

LETTER TO SANTA

Appomattox, Va., Dec. 20, 1955

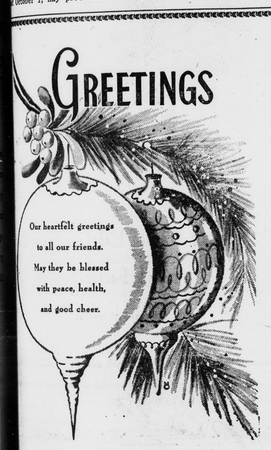
Dear Santa Claus,

I am a little girl 3 years old. Since my home is in Arlington, Va., I am writing to let you know where I will be Christmas. I am spending the holidays with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Doss at Appomattox. Granddaddy Lewis is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital and I do hope you will find time to pay him a visit, although I hope he will be home for Christmas. Please bring me two dolls, Tiny Tears and Toodles; a doll crib, and anything else you can spare. Please remember Rusty and C. S. They live in Arlington. Also Pat and Ken, who live in Appomattox, and all the other girls and boys. With lots of love,

Linda Earle Barron

P. S. Please remember Peppy: that's my dog, and Micky and Ricky, my birds.

Adlai E. Stevenson agreed with Secretary of State Dulles that "partisan excesses" should be avoided in Presidential campaigns.



GREETINGS

Our heartfelt greetings to all our friends. May they be blessed with peace, health, and good cheer.

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Route 460 Spout Spring, Va.

MRS. MAX WHEELER, Prop.

To all my friends in Appomattox, Buckingham, Charlotte and Cumberland Counties I extend my best wishes for a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

C. T. Moses

Appomattox, Virginia

A MESSAGE FOR Christmas

In the spirit of the first Christmas that "came upon a midnight clear" we extend our warmest greetings to you and yours.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR

Appomattox Printing Company

JACOB LEWIS, Manager

Appomattox, Virginia

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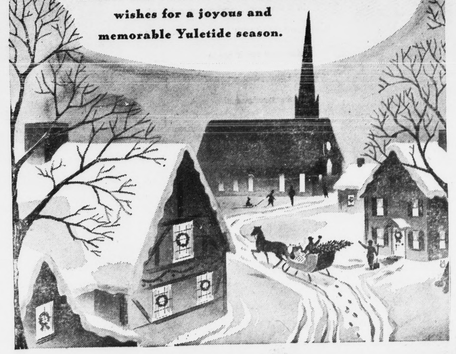
As an expression of our thanks and good will, we are extending to all our friends and neighbors our very best wishes for a joyous and memorable Yuletide season.



Rosa Mae Wooldridge and Clara Mitchell

Appomattox, Virginia